

PREFACE.

We have already given to the public two volumes upon the Indians of North and South America. The first, entitled "Lives of Famous Indians," presented the history of some of the master spirits of the red race; the second, entitled a "History of the American Indians," was designed to furnish a brief outline of their story, from the earliest existing records to the present time.

We now offer a view of the *Manners, Customs, and Antiquities* of the Indians, both of the northern and southern portion of the Continent. The subject is exceedingly fertile in curious phenomena, and, though our brief space confines us to mere sketches, we believe enough is presented to enlist the sympathy of the reader, and to open new sources of deep and touching interest. The picture of one of the great families of our race living apart from the rest of the world, and working out their destiny in isolation,—presenting the spectacle of man's progress when left as a savage without contact with civilization